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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 28-30, 32-35, 41, 42, 44-53, 55-60, 77-79, 81-84, 90, 91 and 93-98 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 28, 41, 50, 77 and 90 are independent. Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, 28, 41, 50, 55, 56, 57, 60, 77, 81, 82, 90, 95 and 96 are hereby amended, and therefore obviate the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection. Claims 5, 12-27, 31, 36-40, 43, 54, 61-76, 80, 85-89 and 92 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at page 197, line 17 - page 201, line 22. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

The Title has been amended, thereby obviating the rejection.

The Abstract has been amended, thereby rendering the objection moot.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith, thereby obviating the Double Patenting rejection.

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II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-11, 28-35, 41-60, 77-84 and 90-98 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,887,194 to Carson et al. (hereinafter, merely "Carson") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,665,020 to Stahl et al. (hereinafter, merely "Stahl"). Applicant respectfully traverses the above-described rejections for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"An information processing system...

wherein said first information processing apparatus comprises:

reserve cancellation request command transmitting means for generating a reserve cancellation request command for requesting said second information processing apparatus for a cancellation of the reservation of the remote control and transmitting the reserve cancellation request command thereto,

wherein the first reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus causes the response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of said second information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein the second reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus enables all the operations of the local operation controlling means corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Carson relates to a method and apparatus for performing distributed address decode, transferring variable length data bursts without determining in advance the number of data words to be transferred or the maximum number of data words that could be transferred. Either a master, slave or bus can terminate the burst at any

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time. The bus includes a bus lock wherein each bus slave agent may be able to enter a locked state and reject all accesses except those initiated by the master agent. A master agent can own the lock while another master uses the bus.

As understood by Applicant, Stahl relates to a system for controlling multiple electronic devices via interconnections such as digital data buses via an arrangement for managing the interoperability of such devices. This interoperability is based on the IEEE 1394 serial bus for the physical link layers and makes use of control languages AV/C or CAL. Control commands are received by a controlling device and then routed to the appropriate peripheral device after translation to the control language.

Applicant submits that Carson and Stahl, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicant submits that there is no teaching or suggestion of a first information processing apparatus also having reserve cancellation request command transmitting means for generating a reserve cancellation request command for requesting said second information processing apparatus for a cancellation of the reservation of the remote control and transmitting the reserve cancellation request command. The first reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus causes the response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of said second information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode, and the second reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus enables all the operations of the local operation controlling means corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode, as recited in claim 1.

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Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 28, 41, 50, 77 and 90 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 28, 41, 50, 77 and 90 are patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

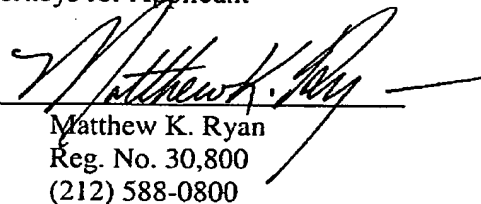
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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